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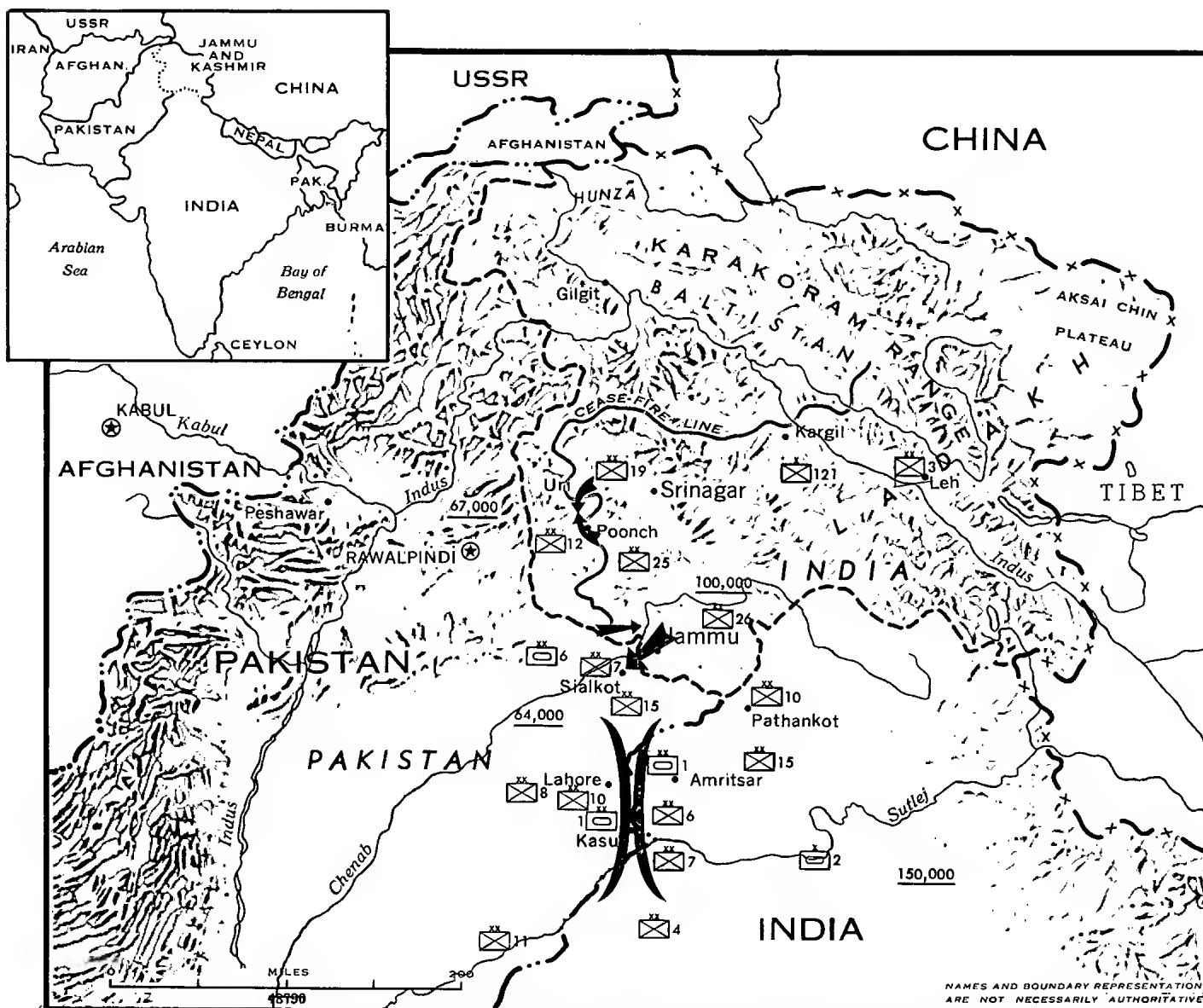
THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF



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INDIA-PAKISTAN Order of Battle

() Line of confrontation

← Thrust movement

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1. India-Pakistan

Fighting has been renewed in the Sialkot area after a brief lull all along the front. Both forces had apparently felt a need for a brief respite to regroup and replenish.

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In this situation, the Chinese Communists have moved their war of nerves against India up another notch. In a new note to New Delhi, Peking warned India, according to press accounts, to dismantle all military installations on or over the border with Tibet within three days or face "serious consequences."

Peking has demanded the dismantlement of these alleged Indian military stations before, but this is the first time that a time limit has been set. India denies that it has any such installations.

The note will doubtless heighten Indian nervousness about Chinese intentions.

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On the diplomatic front, President Ayub made a calculated effort to induce the Iranian Prime Minister to carry the Pakistani case to Moscow, London, and Washington. Ayub indicated that Pakistan would favor a Commonwealth peace mission, which several African members have been trying to organize.

The Pakistanis are also trying to line up support at the United Nations for a plebiscite on Kashmir.

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2. Common Market

Belgian Foreign Minister Spaak says that De Gaulle's latest utterances leave no doubt that the general is out to destroy both the Common Market and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Spaak argues that France's partners must therefore oppose the general firmly. He believes that this resistance will have to be initiated within the Common Market, which faces the more immediate crisis.

Similar arguments have been voiced in The Hague and Rome where sentiment for confronting De Gaulle squarely is rising. The chief obstacle to an effective resistance by France's five Common Market partners is West German qualms about an all-out struggle at this time.

3. France

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4. Dominican Republic

Provisional president Garcia Godoy is still on a tightrope after two weeks in office.

Very little progress has been made toward integrating the rebel zone with the rest of Santo Domingo. Rebel leader Caamano has promised that all rebel arms will be collected by week's end. Garcia Godoy hopes that the police will be able to take over in the zone early next week.

The provisional president also has hopes of suppressing the extremist daily Patria and inducing Caamano to accept a position abroad, at least temporarily.

Garcia Godoy has so far been handling the leftists and the rebels in a gingerly fashion, and this has alarmed leaders of the center and right.

The military is upset, too, and Defense Minister Rivera Caminero is said to feel that he will have to take action if the president continues what Rivera and other military leaders see as a drift to the left.

5. Panama

President Robles continues to take an optimistic line on the canal negotiations. He told a group of businessmen the other day that talks with the US are moving at an accelerated pace and that a treaty "granting justice to Panama" would be the crowning achievement of his administration. This will further raise expectations that the Panamanians will shortly be seeing signs of progress toward meeting their canal demands.

6. Colombia

New labor troubles have risen to plague the harassed Valencia regime.

Having just disposed of a teachers' strike late last week, the government faces the prospect that 75,000 civil servants will join the more than 30,000 workers already out on strike to protest the government's new financial measures. This would shut off public utilities in Bogota and add fuel to the incendiary situation. The police have gone on the alert once again.

7. Communist China

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8. North Vietnam

Hanoi still faces a tight food situation, despite a good early rice harvest. In the Vinh area of central North Vietnam, several thousand construction workers reportedly are having to eat watery rice gruel because US air strike damage to railroads prevents the authorities from moving adequate rice supplies.

9. Greece

A coalition government under Stephanopoulos is to be sworn in tomorrow night or Saturday

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The political arm twisting was intense, and some additional defectors from the Papandreou ranks were secured. It is still uncertain, however, whether this will be enough to give Stephanopoulos a vote of confidence.

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